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1. This communication is responsive to 9/20/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-12 and 14-23.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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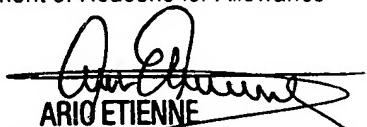
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 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Christopher McKenna on Jan. 5, 2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

- **Claim 1:** insert –server -- after “the” and before “appliance terminating” at line 7;
- **Claim 4:** insert –server -- after “the” and before “appliance configured to appear” at line 4;
- **Claim 5:** insert –server -- after “the” and before “appliance” at line 4;
- **Claim 9:** insert –server -- after “the” and before “appliance” at line 10;
- **Claim 16. (Currently Amended)** In a system for exchanging Web based content information between and among disparate and unrelated content sources including a web server, disposed at a facility belonging to a content provider, the content provider providing content through the web server, and a server appliance electronically disposed between the web server and a network, a method for collaborative exchange of related content, the method comprising:

terminating, by the server appliance, a HTTP session directed to the web server and initiating a HTTP session with the web server as a substitute;

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receiving, by the server appliance, content from the web server in response to the HTTP session initiated by the server appliance, converting received content to DOM and classifying content in accordance with XML recognition rules;

establishing, via the server appliance, a consortium of content sources;

defining, via the server appliance, a content category structure comprising a format for categorizing content from a consortium of content sources; and

establishing, via the server appliance, a request for information protocol comprising the content category structure to request from the consortium of content sources content related to content received by the server appliance, and

wherein the content category structure definition comprises a format for categorizing all content sources collaborating in the exchange of content within the consortium.

- **Claim 22. (Currently Amended)** A system for collaborative exchange of Web based content information between and among disparate and unrelated content sources, the system comprising:

at least a web content server, disposed at a facility, the facility belonging to a particular content provider, the provider providing content through the web server;

a server appliance, electronically disposed between the web server and a wide area communication network, the appliance terminating a HTTP session directed to the web server and initiating a HTTP session with the web server as a substitute, the server appliance

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constructed to receive content from the web server in response to the HTTP session initiated by the server appliance, convert content to DOM, classify content in accordance with XML recognition rules and request content from a consortium of content sources via a request for information protocol comprising a content category structure, the content category structure having a format for categorizing content sources;

a network client, the client operatively responsive to user input commands and coupled to communicate over the wide area communication network; and wherein the server appliance comprises means for executing a series of transactions with the web server on behalf of the user prior to the user accessing a session with the web server.

3. Claims 1-5, 7-12 and 14-23 are allowed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hussein A. El-chanti whose telephone number is (571)272-3999. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571)272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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